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THE LORD knows What BY THE LORD knows Who.

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Quicquid delirant Reges, plectuntur achivi,
Seditione, dolis, scelere atq; libidine & Ira,
Iliacos intra muros peccatur. Hor. L. I. Ep. 2.

A sharp reflecting thing on ye Treasurer Harley.

DEar Readers, by what Titles so ever dignify'd or distinguish'd, whether you be of the Right Honourable the Nobility, or of the Honourable the Gentry, of the Right Worshipful the Mayor or Aldermen, or the Worshipful the Livery Men and Footmen of the City, Attend, and Listen to what I have to say to you.

I had a great mind to Write, I did not well know what, and therefore I think I cou'd not give my Work a better Title, than that which stands at the top of the Page. Thus much by way of Introduction, now to the Point.

IF the King of *France Dry-Bobs us*, in this same Peace that he is about to give us, *the Lord knows what* will become of us.

If *Spain* and the *West-Indies* are put into the hands of any Prince of the House of *Bourbon*, *the Lord knows what* will become of our Trade.

If the King of *France* has those Towns in *Flanders*, which he demands, *the Lord knows what* will become of the poor *Dutch* and their Barrier.

If a Scandalous Peace shou'd hereafter be concluded, such a Peace as wou'd be Ruinous to all *Europe*, and more particularly to these Realms, *the Lord knows what* will become of some Folks Heads.

If a certain Great Person, and perhaps as Great a Man as any now in *England*, shou'd chance to live much longer, *the Lord knows what* Death he may die.

If that certain Person, shou'd use his Endeavours to procure us bad Terms of Peace, He will have *the Lord knows what* Money for it. For sure he will do nothing for nothing.

If he shou'd get us a happy and lasting Peace, he have shall *the Lords knows what* Praises and Thanks.

Quære, Whether Money or Thanks will weigh most with him?

If the *Dutch* are not come in, as I am informed they are, by a certain witty Paper called, *The* Dutch *come in at last*, or a New-Years-Gift *to the* Whigs, *the Lord knows what* will become of the Peace.

If the Emperor shou'd come into a Peace that gives away a great part of his Dominions, and puts him out of all Possibility of Resisting the *French* when ever they please to invade him; *the Lord knows what* will be the matter with him.

If the *Pretender*'s Interest increases every Year, in proportion to what it has within these last Three Years, in this Nation, *the Lord knows what* will become of our Excellent Queen, and her Government.

If the *Pretender* shou'd come over and make us a Visit here, *the Lord knows what* Reception he wou'd meet with.

If the Author of *some new Proofs* about him, shou'd venture to Write again, *the Lord knows what* wou'd be said to him by some great Folks.

I advise him to Write no more *Dedications*.

If the Parsons are so Proud, some of them so Lewd, others so Ignorant, most of 'em so Superstitious, *the Lord knows what* will become of our Church and Religion.

If Dr. *Sacheverell* has St. *Andrews Holbourn*, *the Lord knows what* will become of his poor Parishioners.

If he opens his Mouth on the 25th of *March*, as 'tis said, and I verily believe he will, and shou'd he afterwards Print his Sermon, at the desire of some Simpleton or other, there will be *the Lord knows what* Nonsence Spoken and Printed.

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If the Bishop of *Asaph* Writes such Prefaces, *the Lord knows what* will be done to him.

If the Convocation shou'd meet this Year to consider of the State of Religion, they wou'd have the *Lord knows what* to do; for 'tis suppos'd by some Malicious Persons, that they don't know themselves.

If the Pope, as 'tis very strongly reported, has gotten an ill Disease, he will have *the Lord knows what* to do to get Cur'd. I believe the *Infallible* way is to get a Surgeon.

Some People are against roasting the Young hot headed *Oxford* Clergy-men, but I'm sure basting them wou'd do *the Lord knows what* good to the Church.

If Dr. *Swift*, who is one of the Pillars of the Church, feels so often, *the Lord knows what* will become of the Church it self. It may well be said to be in a tottering Condition.

If a certain Ambassador will be so condescending as to sell Wine, and like an honest Vintner, will not Brew it, he will get *the Lord knows what*.

If the Queen shou'd make a Speech to the Parliament, *the Lord knows what* she'll say.

If the Parliament does not meet on the 13th of *January*, *the Lord knows what* time they will meet.

If the Houses of Parliament will but act zealously for the Interest of their Country, in which their own is involv'd, *the Lord knows what* may yet be done to save us.

If they shou'd depend upon the *French* King's Word, they depend upon *the Lord knows what*.

If the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury* shou'd dye, *the Lord knows what* sort of a Successor he wou'd have.

If the House of *Hanover* shou'd be invited over, we might expect *the Lord knows what* great Things from it.

If we shou'd take *French* Hats to our Heads, and their Shoes to our Feet, *the Lords knows what* Fashions they wou'd bring over next; perhaps they might try how Chains wou'd fit us.

If some Aldermen and Livery Men of the City go Abroad so much, *the Lord knows what* their Wives may do at Home. 'Tis thought their Hats will not fit very well on their Heads in a short Time.

If the Author of the *Conduct of Lyes*, shou'd take into his Head to Write again, there will be the *Lord knows what* Truth in it; for I believe no Mortal will be able to find any.

If a Certain Great Man now Abroad, shou'd come Home again, *the Lord knows what* Place he will goe to next. For, it is plain, he never likes the Place he is in.

If a Certain Person shou'd write any more *Letters to the People*, he will meet with the *Lord knows what* Answer from some of them.

If the Lord, that knows what the Peace is, will not think fit to communicate it to the Publick, only *the Lord knows what* it is.

N. B. *I shar atking what* Lord.

And now that I have given my Courteous Reader several loose and incoherent Thoughts, which coming freely into my Head, were as freely sent out of it; *the Lord knows what* will be the Consequence of it.

If it shou'd take with the Town, as it has a Title to it in some Measure, as being new and like the *French* and *South-Sea* Security, having little in it; *The Lord knows what* I may write next.

If through the Ill Taste of the Age, and their great Aversion to Truth in Print, it shou'd not take, *the Lord knows what* my Bookseller will say to me; for he has great Hopes from it.

In short, I beg all my Readers to like it, and it being usual now a-days to act against ones Conscience, to commend it tho' they dislike it, for being something Vain, their Applause will do me *the Lord knows what* Kindness and Pleasure.

And now remembring the Old *English* Proverb, *Short and Sweet*, I shall only wish my Reader a happy New-Year, and assure him that I have by the Press sent him *the Lord knows what* for a New-Years Gift. *And so good bye.*

Ridentem *dicere* verum quid vetat, *Hor.*

As in Gay Fables Morals are convey'd,
So why may'n Truth in jesting Terms be said.

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THe beginning of next Month will be published, an Answer to a Late Pamphlet, intitled, *A Discourse on Free-thinking, occasion'd by the Growth of a certain Sect called Free-thinkers*, which like the *Examiners* Answer to *The Barrier Treaty Vindicated*, will be no Answer at all. However, to the Satisfaction of every honest Church-man, and to the utter Extirpation and Confusion of all Heretick and Heresy, there shall be no Page in the whole Answer, in which the Author of the aforesaid Treatse shall not be called at least Six times, *Atheist*, *Deist*, *Socinian*, *Heathen*, *Impious*, and to comprehend all, *Free-thinker*.

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